

appears about June first, and I have taken *C. modesta* of this brood as late as July fourth. At Curtis Bay, Md., *C. rugifrons* appeared as early as March twenty-second. My last specimens of this brood were taken May nineteenth, when it was less plentiful than in April. When I visited the place again on June ninth, I could find no trace of either variety.

At the Maryland locality *C. modesta* greatly predominates, while on Long Island I have taken more of *C. rugifrons* than of the black variety. Mr. Beutenmüller informs me that, on Staten Island, *C. modesta* occurs alone, and is not subject to much variation.

These varieties seem to prefer sandy ground, where the grass and weeds are sparse, but do not frequent bare sand hills. They fly swiftly, and are rather difficult to catch, especially *C. modesta*, which is inconspicuous by reason of its dark color.

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### NOTES ON BRYAXIS ABDOMINALIS *Aubé*.

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This beetle lives on Staten Island under boards, chips etc. cast upon the borders of the salt meadow by tides of unusual height. It is abundant in March and April and occurs also as early as February and as late as May; but the females always outnumber the males. The latter are distinguished by the sculptured dorsal segments.

I found this beetle first about three years ago under bits of bark lying on the banks of the salt meadow creek which runs beside the railroad trestle west of Arlington station.—The operations of the railroad company have deepened and elongated a branch of the creek and thereby thrown upon its banks much soil, which lies high and dry above the surrounding moist salt meadow, and affords a lodgement to the bits of refuse and a consequent shelter to the beetles. — While this locality still remains the best, further search has led to the discovery of the species at several other points.

It is always accompanied by two other species *Rhyphobius marinus* and *Scydmaenus salinator* (?).